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SUBJECT: LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT TO QUELL FUEL PANIC

REF: THESSALONIKI 0702, 0709

1. THESSALONIKI DAILIES OF DEC 5-6 FRONTPAGE
REPORT ON ARRIVAL OF CRUDE OIL SUPPLIES AND DENIAL
OF SHORTAGES BY LOCAL OFFICIALS. DECEMBER 5 PAPERS
HIGHLIGHT ARRIVAL PREVIOUS DAY OF TWO TANKERS
CARRYING 87,000 TONS CRUDE OIL. REPORTS NOTE
THAT ARRIVAL OF NEW OIL STOCKS MAKES PANIC AND
HOARDING UNJUSTIFIED. DECEMBER 6 PRESS CARRIES
RELEASE ON FUEL SITUATION BY THESS NOMARCH
KOURNAVOS UNDER HEADLINES "SUFFICIENCY OF FUEL
OIL" AND "UNJUSTIFIED HOARDING". RELEASE CLAIMS
THAT ALL MEASURES TAKEN TO INSURE ADEQUATE OIL
STOCKS AND REPEATS NOV 25 MILITARY ORDER BANNING
HOARDING.

2. COMMENT: ARTICLES ABOVE CLEARLY AIM
TO ALLAY LOCAL FEARS AND DISCOURAGE HOARDING.
ESSO OFFICIALS HERE REPORT THAT 87,000 TON DELIVERY
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IS ROUTINE WEEKLY SUPPLY FOR REFINERY AND NOT

SPECIAL SHIPMENT. PROBLEM, THEY STATE, IS TO
GUARANTEE CONTINUATION OF WEEKLY SHIPMENTS. VISITORS
TO MARKET DECEMBER 6 NOTED THAT AT DOWNTOWN
DISTRIBUTION POINTS QUEUES FOR FUEL OIL STILL
APPARENT. CONGEN ALSO INFORMED THAT HEATING AT SEVERAL
OFFICE AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS REDUCED TO
ONE HOUR PER DAY.
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